

Will bet some syndicate or other gets the best of Mr. McKinley before his troubles cease.

The Dunklin Democrat says the fair at Kennett last week was simply "out of sight," or words to that effect.

YELLOW FEVER has reached Memphis, Tenn., but in mild form. It is too near frost time for yellow jack to do much harm at Memphis.

Knowing that the entire Leutgers case is to be gone over once more the people of Chicago are inclined to view Job's experience as a soft, easy snap.

The Memphis papers come to us now with the words "fugitive from Memphis postoffice department" stamped on the wrapper. God help the city or town that is stricken by yellow fever!

And now they are trying to work it on us that under the Dingley law the same kind of overcoat will be much warmer than it was under the Wilson tariff.

MARK HANNA and John Sherman were load enough for Mr. McKinley, but the addition of the Union Pacific must make his job awful wearing.

THREE Chicago men committed suicide in one day and the Record says everybody else feels awfully bad about the Tenner governorship, but hopes they will not lose their nerve.

We have been on the lookout for addresses from Judge Fox and M. R. Smith before the Farmers' institutes of their respective counties, but they haven't materialized yet. Judge Fox, we imagine, would be especially strong on "Cows That I Have Saw."

JOE FLYNN of the Cape Girardeau Gazette jumps on us about an error that crept into THE PRESS two weeks ago. We acknowledge up, old man; it was a bad break at the king's English—something equal to your account of the man who was accidentally shot "with his gun." Now, if he had been shot "with his mouth," or "with a saw-buck," we might have mentioned it, but who'd have thought of a man being shot "with his gun?"

NOVEMBER 4, the anniversary of the death of Eugene Field, the children's poet, at the suggestion of the state superintendent of public schools, will be observed by the public schools of this state, and contributions taken for the erection of a monument to his memory. It is a tribute that should be most heartily entered into by the parents and children of our state.

A number of our readers remember "Doc" Johnson, ex-sheriff of Wayne county, and the following bit of court news from the Globe-Democrat will interest them: "A case with numerous complications is on trial before Judge Adams in the United States Circuit court. John H. Johnson, ex-sheriff of Wayne county, Missouri, is being sued on his bond for an alleged infraction of the law. The suit developed that the courthouse of Wayne county had burned down, destroying books and papers, including the sheriff's bond. Mr. Johnson claims that he has forgotten who his bondsmen were, and as an excuse for his absenteeism says that he was drunk for four years, during which he held the office of sheriff. Mr. Johnson's bondsmen, whoever they may be, have not come to the front and revealed their identity, and the court is endeavoring to find out who they were."

An interesting letter from Rome says: The reaper Death stands with upraised scythe at the side of Leo XIII, sublime pontiff, pope of Rome. This is the nineteenth year of the reign of this frail yet brilliant man, whose marvelous intellectual powers have enabled him during his entire incumbency of the papal throne to fulfill the multifarious duties of his kingly office while in a state of health which to most persons would have been a condition of almost chronic invalidism. One hears the story of coming dissolution talked upon Rome's streets, discussed in the homes of the people and even whispered in the Vatican itself, where in one of the plainest of the 11,000 rooms of the great palace sits the childlike form of the pope, carefully guarded at all times by Pio Contra, the man who served Leo well when he was known to the world as Cardinal Pecci. Every day the pope is a little weaker, only a very little, to be sure, but sufficient to make it a fact that when each sunset is over it is known that his vitality is not so great as when the orb of day arose.

## DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION

### Zalma Has an Ugly Fire.

McMinn Brothers' Valuable Roller Mill and Wood Carding Machine and Randolph James' Grocery Store Totally Destroyed.

At 11:15 Monday morning fire broke out in the wool-carding room and in a few seconds the fine mills at Zalma, fifteen miles south of this city, were a mass of flames.

In a short time the fire reached the grocery store of R. James, and but for stubborn resistance would have destroyed the town.

The mill belonged to the estate of the late Judge McMinn, and was the finest and most valuable in the county. It contained the best modern machinery, together with a full wool-carding outfit.

S. J. and A. J. McMinn, who have had charge of the mills, had a large quantity of grain destroyed.

Mr. James lost almost his entire stock of merchandise. Fortunately, his family was not living in the building, or his loss would have been much heavier.

The loss on the millhouse, machinery, grain, etc., is estimated at about \$16,000, with no insurance. Mr. James loses about \$1,000, with probably \$800 insurance.

The fire originated in the wool-carding room, from a match that was in some wool that came from Dexter to be carded, and which was conveyed to the machine in the oil-soaked stuff. The attendant had barely time to escape.

The loss will bear very heavily on the energetic and thrifty citizens of Zalma, as the mill drew a large business at all seasons of the year.

#### Special Committee Report.

To the jail committee by the citizens of Bollinger county, Missouri.  
We, the undersigned committee, appointed by the chairman of the said jail committee to investigate the information of the public the record of cost bills in criminal cases, and to ascertain the amount expended by the county of Bollinger in the last four years for guard fees and transportation expenses for prisoners for that time by the sheriffs of said Bollinger county and report our findings to this meeting, respectfully state that we have made said investigation, as far as we have been able in the short space of time which we have had to do the work, and find that the fees and expenses amounted to:

In 1893.....\$1,225.50  
In 1894.....1,222.07  
In 1895.....415.42  
In 1896.....507.84

Total.....\$3,370.83  
Making an average of \$842.71 per year for said last four years. This statement includes the guard fees and transportation expenses of prisoners held by sheriff only. No fees or expenses of guarding by constables, nor for board, clothing or doctor bills for any prisoner are included in this statement. And we are confident that there are more expenses and fees for guarding and transportation in each of the above stated years that we have not been able to find or have overlooked in our haste to get through the work, which could be found were we required to make an exact and certified statement of said expenses and fees for guards and transportation.

We further find that in 1893 and 1894 the expenses were in excess of the expenses in the years 1895 and 1896. We are able to give at least two reasons for said excess, which are as follows:

1. In the years 1893 and 1894 there were more criminal cases or prosecutions and convictions than in 1895 and 1896.  
2. In the years 1893 and 1894 the prisoners worked out their fines and costs upon the public roads and were guarded while so working, which, in misdemeanor cases, run the cost up in each case much more than in 1895 and 1896, when the prisoners were not worked and guarded.

We are well satisfied that the average expenses of guards and transportation alone for prisoners for the last ten years will not fall below \$300 per year, which expense was all incurred for lack of a jail.

HENRY ELFRANK,  
F. M. WELLS,  
W. K. CHANDLER,  
Committee.

#### A Great Editor's Maxims.

Here are Mr. Dana's famous maxims for the making of a newspaper:  
Get the news, and get all the news, and nothing but the news.

Copy nothing from another publication without complete credit.

Never print an interview without the knowledge and consent of the party interviewed.

Never print a paid advertisement as news matter. Let every advertisement appear as an advertisement—no sailing under false colors.

Never attack the weak or the defenseless, either by argument, by innuendo or by ridicule, unless there is some absolute public necessity for so doing.

Fight for your opinions, but don't believe they contain the whole truth or the only truth.

Present your party, if you have one, but do not think all the good men are in it and all the bad ones outside of it.

## OUR NEIGHBORS.

Jackson Cash-Book: Hon. A. J. D. Burford, the game and fish warden, has been industriously at work ever since receiving his commission informing himself of the duties of his office and selecting his deputies. He has now over 125 deputies appointed throughout the state, and it is his purpose to place deputies in every county. Mr. Burford is greatly pleased with the lively interest taken by the better class of citizens in every county in which he has appointed deputies in favor of rigid enforcement of the game and fish laws. The prosecuting attorneys all assure him they will do their duty in prosecuting all violators. We feel safe in saying the game and fish will have a better guardian in Mr. Burford than they ever had before, and violators may rest assured they will suffer the penalty of the law if they are apprehended.

Cape Gazette: George W. Bast, of Burfordville, was in town Friday with a pill box containing about one hundred pearls in his vest pocket. He gathered them from the mussels of Whitewater creek in four or five trips of a few hours each. These pearls are worth at the lowest five dollars apiece.

Cape Democrat: We have not learned how many dollars were taken in at the gates at the Fair, but we are satisfied that the Fair is a success, financially as well as otherwise.

Capt. John A. Snider is building himself a nice residence in Jackson. Cape Girardeau Gazette: Dr. S. S. Harris, who has been so sick for a week past as to be considered beyond recovery, is beginning to show slight signs of improvement. Dr. Bryson, a St. Louis expert, came down to assist our local doctors in the case, but found them treating it accurately and remained only a day or two. Dr. Harris is suffering from cirrhosis of the liver and ulceration of the mucous membrane of the stomach.

Cape Democrat: Hon. Louis Houck went to St. Louis this morning. These weekly trips of Mr. Houck to St. Louis and Chicago mean something going on in the railroad business that we people know nothing about. Mr. Houck is not traveling for his health.

New Madrid Record: John Westman and three daughters, Katie, 20 years, Viola 16 and Anna 13 years, who lived in a tent near the Morrison place in the woods several miles east of town, retired in the tent Wednesday night, the youngest daughter with Katie in one bed and the father and the other daughter in a bed close beside them, the beds about two feet apart. At about ten o'clock a pistol shot rang out and the two youngest girls jumped out of bed and ran out of the tent, and when just outside they heard the second shot. When help arrived at the house-tent the man was found with a bullet hole in his head near the temple, lying between the two beds on the floor, and Kate, the oldest daughter, was lying in her own blood, dead and unmoved where she had lain her. The man lived ten minutes after the doctor arrived, but could not speak. To total horror and shame to the tragedy Kate was executed, the result of a father's perjury and own villainy. Some say she is stepdaughter but the younger girls say she was Westman's own daughter.

New Madrid Record: Thomas Hampton, aged 60 years, lived with his wife and three children on the Phillips place two miles below Pt. Pleasant. Last Monday he was out logging near the Davis Sawmill, about five miles from Portageville, and while putting a chain under a log preparatory to loading on the wagon, a half-filled tree very near by started and fell on a small tree with a crash, one large branch of the tree striking Mr. Hampton in the side. He lived only ten minutes afterward, and his body was taken home.

Fredericktown News: The South-east Missouri Bible institute will be held in the Baptist church of this town November 15, 16, 17 and 18. Sheriff Sharp of Madison county distinguished himself last week by making two important arrests. The News says: Sheriff Sharp arrested at Mine La Motte William Ryan, alias William Stabb, on the charge of attempted murder of John Gregg at Coffman in Ste. Genevieve county.

Sheriff Sharp and Constable Bruce arrested Thomas Smith, charged with shooting a man named Brown at Flat River some two weeks ago. Wednesday night the sheriff received word from Farmington that Smith was at a relative's near Cornwall and he and Mr. Bruce went after him Thursday morning early. They found him at the place mentioned by the St. Francois sheriff. Smith made no resistance, stating that he had shot in self-defense; the fuss occurred in a saloon.

From the Higdon correspondence of the Fredericktown News we learn that Judge Jasper Frymire has been quite sick several days.

Jackson Cash-Book: Messrs. G. W. Bast, F. M. Baker, F. M. Miller and J. J. Jaden are talking about going to Klonklike in the spring. These gentlemen all crossed the plains in the early 'fifties and the old mining fever which they had in those days has come back on them since the gold discovery of the Klondike were announced.

Cape Girardeau Gazette: It is reported on apparently credible authority that Hon. Lawrence H. Davis was removed into the Catholic church by Rev. Father Kern at Jackson last week.

## Our Correspondents.

LAFIN.  
As your correspondents seemed to be taking a lay off last week, myself included, I will hurry in to avoid the rush in case they all return at once.

Jim Nail's article in last week's Press is as full of truth as an egg is of meat, but I greatly fear that the most of the people will pay no attention to it and just let their schools go to the dogs unless the poor, overworked teacher and possibly one or two patrons in each district can prevent it.

F. P. Welch has rented the A. Clippard store building and opened a full line of groceries.

Fred Clippard will take charge of the postoffice at this place Nov. 1st. My! my! How the girls will enjoy going to the office then.

Lafin is going to give a big majority in favor of building a jail. We are tired of paying out money to enrich railway companies and individuals who are not citizens of our county. We have heard that Colonel Green and a few other greenies are trying to defeat the proposition, but they are not influencing anyone in this community.

From what we have been able to ascertain the person has some very peculiar reasons for not voting for the proposition. He says that last year was the time to have voted for the jail, as it could have been built so much cheaper this season than next, as labor will be so much higher next year. We also learn that he claims that men are now working for the proposition who did nothing of the kind last year. He has a few other reasons of the same kind as the above, but I will not undertake to enumerate them. I thought myself that last year was a good time to vote for a jail and I voted that way, but we didn't get quite enough votes to build it, so we are going to try it again. It should have been built thirty years ago, for it would now be paid for and have saved the county thousands of dollars in cash; but as it was not built then, and has not been built since, I don't see how we are going to get it any sooner by voting it down this time. As to the extra price of labor, I don't think he needs lose any sleep about that at all. If prosperity strikes us so hard that labor will be in such demand we will be able to pay the extra price and still feel good over our well-filled wallets. But I greatly fear the colonel's dream of prosperity will never be realized from the source in which he is looking for it. If men are now at work for the jail who never worked before, I say hurray for them! they are beginning to realize the needs of our county as they never have before.

ALLEN ABEON.

#### DRUM.

Not seeing anything from this place for some time, I thought I would give you a few items. Health is very good. Dry weather still continues. Some of our farmers are gathering corn.

William Thacker bought him a new wagon the other day, and it is Mr. Thacker, now.

W. H. Scott is hauling staves. Dec Scott is getting out spokes. W. H. Carlton is digging a cistern.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. J. J. Chostner.

Dr. J. W. Laird is doing a good merchandise business.

Mr. Wampler is improving his residence by building a new addition.

Prof. Chostner and family made a business trip to Cape Girardeau October 16th.

Dr. J. M. Finney was in our town last Monday.

Benton Revelle is very sick at this writing.

I will close by wishing THE PRESS and its many readers success.

SILVER DICK.

#### The Duties of County School Commissioners.

On reading an article in the last week's issue of your valuable paper on the subject of "Popular Interest in Education," showing in a measure the lack of educational interest on the part of the patrons of your county, after a serious contemplation of the matter, I was much to see another very prominent reason why our schools are in such a lagging condition, and that is the work of our county school commissioners.

It seems to me that notwithstanding our lack of county supervision, and notwithstanding the small compensation of our county commissioners, they could certainly afford to do a greater work than what they are doing, or than that dictated by the laws of our state.

In the first place it appears to me that the manner in which our county commissioners are conducted for the purpose of which they were instituted, for how can the commissioner or board of examiners, with any degree of accuracy, the qualifications of a corps of teachers by merely associating with them three hours in a day for a month, or perhaps two weeks, in an institute capacity, and that after their having from 1 p. m. to 9 a. m. in which to "cream" for the half day's recreation? It would be a miserable "ignoramus" indeed, that couldn't find a commissioner at that time if he would apply himself during study hours. Hence I believe that the commissioner or conductor should hold all day sessions of the institute, i. e. from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., thereby affording ample time for the several recitations, and as a consequence thereof dealing more extensively with the various subjects and the methods of teaching them, besides providing the applicant from "cramming" for examination, and thereby better acquainting himself with the true merits of the teacher.

In the final examination he should provide such questions as are thorough, yet practical; and in grading should mete out justice to every one, regardless of friendship, love or money. Nor do the duties of commissioner stop here, but it is in my estimation, his duty to personally visit every school district in the county during its term of office and within the time that school is being taught therein; and during said visit he should make careful inquiries as to the success of the school and give such instructions to both teacher and patrons as he may deem necessary. Not only should he see to it that the work of the teacher, but should also inquire of the patrons as to their general satisfaction. Above all he should be a student.

Wayne township will vote for the proposition to build a jail. We never fail to vote for improvement, Mr. A. J. S. There are a few people in the county who go around roaring about the wonderful prosperity that has overtaken and fairly dazzles them, and then say we can't afford to build a jail; that we don't need it, and if we do it is voting too heavy a tax on the people, and it is best for us to pay our money to other counties for the safe-keeping of our prisoners, instead of helping ourselves. Did you ever "size up" the parties who are doing the abominable kicking? Take a quiet look around and you'll find that the majority of the men that

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County Court at office in Marble Hill, [L.S.] this 19th day of October, A. D. 1897.

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man himself, a moral man and a man of principle; and should ever see to it that those, and those only, who are of good moral standing be allowed to teach in the public schools of this county.

When the above is demanded of our county commissioners then, and never until then, will the standard of education be elevated in our state, and the teacher's profession magnified.

Yours truly,  
S. M. DOLAN.

Bloomfield, Mo.

Jackson Cash-Book: Judge Rufus Woods was in town yesterday. The Judge is 78 years old and hale and hearty. He tells us old age also sits lightly on his worthy helpmate. On the 28th of this month Mr. and Mrs. Woods will probably celebrate their golden wedding, as then they will have been married 50 years.

The fourth annual convention of the Dexter District Christian Co-operation composed of Iron, Reynolds, Carter, Ripley, Butler, Stoddard, Dunklin, Penicost, New Madrid, Mississippi, Scott, Cape Girardeau, Bollinger, Madison, Perry, Ste. Genevieve and St. Francois counties will be held at East Prairie, Mo., November 1st to 3d. A good program will be furnished, and the best convention ever held in southeast Missouri is expected.

It is desired that every preacher in the district be present and every church be represented. All delegates from the North and West sending their names to the Secretary by Oct. 20th, who will come on Monday and stop at Charleston, will be given a free transfer to convention.

A. F. HOLDEN, Sec'y, Charleston, Mo.

IN THE LAND OF GOLD.

Here is the Opportunity of Your Life. The Investment of a Few Dollars May Bring You a Fortune.

Away out upon the Pacific coast, at the very gateway to the land of gold, there has recently been organized a company of thoroughly reliable and representative men, principally state officials of the young state of Washington, whose purpose it is to outfit practical and experienced prospectors on the co-operative plan and inaugurate a thorough systematic research of the rich gold fields of the north. This is your opportunity. You have read of Alaska, talked of the Yukon and longed to be on the Klondike, but for various reasons you cannot make the long, tedious trip to person. The great distance, the enormous expense and the unparalleled hazards, hardships and privations that one must encounter personally excites and prohibits the individual from attempting to share in the rich spoils of that fabulous rich country. But by a concentration of means and influence all difficulties can be overcome. It is for this purpose that the promoters of the Alaska Co-operative Mining syndicate have organized, and their plan practically insures success and will afford an opportunity for those of limited means to participate in the fabulous riches that are constantly being made in this far away northland. The syndicate now has prospectors in the field, and will continue to send

## The Leader wants you to call there.

numbered consecutively in regular order from one to eighty inclusive, and all payable when due at the office of the county treasurer of said county in lawful money of the United States, and shall all bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, evidenced by coupons hereto attached, numbered serially from one to such number as will equalize the number of years for which said bonds shall be issued respectively, and due and payable semi-annually in lawful money of the United States at the office of the county treasurer of said county; and the court further finds that the said bonds in the said sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) do not and will not, including existing indebtedness of said county, exceed in the aggregate ten per centum on the value of the taxable property of said county of Bollinger as ascertained by the assessment thereof, before the last assessment thereof, by said state and county purposes, and that the rate of the increase of the tax levy in said county for said purpose will be ten cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation of the taxable property of said county, and the county court shall, in addition to other taxes, levy and cause to be extended upon all property subject to taxation in said county said increased rate of tax so voted for said purpose, said ten cent estate being based on the present assessed valuation of said county, for five years next after the date of the issue of such bonds.

And it is further ordered by the court that the clerk hereto give at least twenty days notice of said election, specifying therein the amount of the debt, the length of time for which bonds shall be issued, the rate of interest, the object and purpose thereof, the rate of the increase of the tax levy and the day on which such election is to be held. (Judge J. Conrad dissenting as to the time of holding said election.)

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss. County of Bollinger, ss. I, J. Monroe Robins, clerk of the County Court, in and for said county, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true copy of the proceedings of our said County court, on the day and year written as the same appears of record in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at office in Marble Hill, this 4th day of October, A. D. 1897.

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